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My Dear Friend.

Enclosed is the Hancock Seal. I part with it reluctantly, not because it once belonged to his Excellency the first Republican Governor of Massachusetts — but because it was for several years worn by my revered father — But I am aware how much those, who are laboring in the Anti Slavery Cause, need funds — and I wish to do my part. Just now however the demands of my sister Mrs Alcott, and of my only brother (who is in an imbecile state) are such as actually to drain my purse. Never the less I cannot bear to know that the Mass<sup>ts</sup> Society is in debt — the American absolutely bankrupt — and that Mr Child, who has sacrificed so much, and toiled so untiringly in the cause, is in such straitened circumstances, — I cannot bear to know all this, and contribute nothing. I therefore send the Seal, hoping you may so manage as to get 50 or 100 Dollars for it. And my wish is that the proceeds may be appropriated directly to



the payment of Mrs Child's salary —  
on to Mr Garrison's and Mrs Child's in  
equal portions —

I shall be with you next Wednesday  
Do not let the seal be sacrificed. I  
will give ten dollars for it myself.  
And I think your inventive genius  
will devise some way to dispose of it,  
so that it shall bring 50 or 100 dollars.  
I can give evidence of its genuineness —  
But I hope some old  
impression taken from it by the Governor's  
own hand may be found, that  
will satisfy the most skeptical.

Miss Hopper and Miss Miles will  
accompany me to the city to spend a  
part or the whole of the vacation a-  
mong our anti Slavery friends —

Miss Hopper goes to Mrs Loring's —  
Miss Miles to Mrs Southwick's — I  
hope your sisters will find time to  
call upon them —

Yours very affectionately  
Samuel J. May







Mr David W. Chapman  
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